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Good Morning,

I am a long time diver, a long time proponent of MLPAs, and have been active in all the various forms this process has taken. I have been very impressed with how much progress has been made in the last year.

I have to say that I was very disappointed when I heard that package S had become the favorite of the MLPA and DFG, and even more upset when I heard that this package is leaving The Ed Ricketts Park as just another fishing zone.

The area between The Monterey Breakwater and Lovers Point is the most heavily dived area in Northern California. You can't imagine the frustration we feel after a good day of diving, observing the underwater life, to see the 2-6 inch fish that breakwater fishermen are so proud of dying in a bucket! This is not even addressing the safety issues surrounding active fishing in the same waters as swimming and diving.

Divers have been working for at least 10 years to make that small stretch of beach a no take zone. Now when we have our greatest chance, the Department of Fish and Game seems determined to stand in our way.

I urge you to please reconsider. Package 2 is the preferred set of MPAs. If this is not your choice for whatever reason, at least make The Ed Ricketts Underwater Park a no-take zone.

Thank You,

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